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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Bobby C. Dagnel, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, offered the following prayer:

Our most gracious heavenly Father, we offer thanksgiving for this day of life and the opportunities it brings. We acknowledge that the freedoms afforded us by this great democracy creates within us not a license to do as we please, but a responsibility to act in a way that pleases You.

As this capable body of elected public servants entertain the multitude of issues before them, I pray they might have the wisdom of Solomon, who urged us to look neither right nor left but to keep our eyes fixed straight ahead; to do what is right; to do that which reflects the true spirit of democracy, giving consideration to and deeming of equal importance the rights and freedoms of every person, whether in the majority or the minority, of both the strong and the weak.

We remember, also, this day, those who stand in harm's way to protect and promote these very tenets of democracy we hold dear. In Your name we pray, O Lord, Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

HONORING THE REVEREND BOBBY DAGNEL

(Mr. NEUGEBAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor someone who is very important to me in my life, and that is my pastor, Bobby Dagnel.

Bobby Dagnel opened today's session of the United States House of Representatives with an invocation that should guide us throughout the day as we do the people's business in the halls of the United States Congress.

Pastor Dagnel began his senior pastorship at First Baptist Church in Lubbock on August 4, 2002. He completed his undergraduate work at the University of Texas at Tyler in 1985. And he went on to Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary where he received his Master's in Divinity in 1987. He is currently pursuing his Doctor of Ministry at George W. Truett Seminary.

As Pastor Dagnel has traveled down this path, he has become a man of steadfast faith. He understands personally what it means to transform one's life from one without direction to one that is full of purpose and meaning. Pastor Dagnel is a wonderful family man, a loving husband to his wife, Patti, and a father to his daughter, Courtney, who is 14, and to his son, Hunter, who is 12.

I want to thank Pastor Dagnel for answering the call to help others find their way and serving as an example for all that follow. God Bless Pastor Dagnel.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Agriculture, the

Committee on Government Reform, and the Committee on the Budget:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 28, 2004.
Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House, The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I hereby resign from the House Agriculture, Government Reform and Budget Committees due to my appointment to the House Committee on Rules.

Sincerely,

ADAM H. PUTNAM,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the resignations are accepted.
There was no objection.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 806) and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 806

Resolved, That the following Members be and are hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Government Reform: Mr. Cantor.

Committee on Rules: Mr. Putnam.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

THE WAR ON TERROR

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, whoever is elected President will face the prospect of another terrorist attack. The

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